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For: METHODS AND DEVICES FOR THE
REMOVAL OF PSORALENS FROM BLOOD
PRODUCTS

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated September 8, 2004 (Paper No. 20040903), for which a response was due on December 8, 2004. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a 2 month(s) extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to February 8, 2005. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

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